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SUBJECT: SAFEGUARDS POLICY ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS

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SUMMARY. I STRESSED TO FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING REGARDING NATURE OF SAFEGUARDS TO BE APPLIED TO EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR PLANTS AND MATERIALS TO NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES. I SUGGESTED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EXPERTS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THIS ISSUE MIGHT BE HELPFUL. THE FONMIN NODDED ASSENT AND SEEMED AGREEABLE TO CONSIDER SUCH A POSSIBILITY. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING MY CALL ON FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES SEPTEMBER 13,

I SPOKE TO THE QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS ON THE SALE OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, POINTING OUT THAT SUCH SALES INVOLVED SUPPLYING COUNTRIES WITH SUCH NON-NUCLEAR DESTINATIONS AS IRAN, ARGENTINA, ISRAEL, EGYPT AND VARIOUS OTHERS. I SAID THAT UNLESS THERE WERE SOME UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF SAFEGUARDS THAT

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EACH OF US WOULD APPLY, IT COULD LEAD TO A SITUATION

WHERE THE NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES SOUGHT OUT THAT SUPPLY-
ING COUNTRY WHICH WAS WILLING TO IMPOSE THE LEAST EF-
FECTIVE SAFEGUARDS.

2. THE FONMIN IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT THE ANSWER OF
HIS GOVERNMENT ON THIS ISSUE HAD BEEN RATHER SIMPLY
STATED, NAMELY, THAT WHILE THEY WOULD NOT JOIN IN THE
NPT, THEY WOULD ALWAYS ACT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NPT. I
STRESSED THAT I WAS NOT RELATING MY COMMENTS TO THE NON-
PROLIFERATION TREATY ITSELF BUT SPECIFIC-
ALLY TO SAFEGUARDS. I SAID THAT AEC COMMISSIONER REY
WOULD BE SPEAKING ON THIS ISSUE IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT
THE IAEA MEETING IN VIENNA. IF IT WERE AGREED IT WOULD
BE HELPFUL, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR SPECIALISTS
OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN SOME
DEPTH. THE FONMIN AGREED THAT SUCH TALKS MIGHT BE
HELPFUL.
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